2 NEW THEATERS

Pantages and Loew Will Start New Year Right Here. Year of 1920 Big in Show

BY AL WILSON. opening of two additional theaters expected within the mon-and remarkable progress the pas-year, as uphis looks forward to 13.1 with unusual theatrical anti-ipatio ranks with the old one, undoubt

the city's greatest insofar show enterprises is concerned. Pantages, coming from the West aweep that bodes het competitie for other vandeville circuits, Wi-probably schedule his inaugural her some time this month. Managers for "Pan" have been more or less close mouthed as to their plans. Managin Director Sweet, here some weeks back, said that the opening of the Main street variety house would come shortly after the holiday season He said that "Pan" simply was going into business here, make no great play of inaugural activity and "let our shows stand for themselves."

Marcus Loew recently announ that the Union avenue Palace would be ready for occupancy within the coming fortnight. This theater has beer under construction probably less time than Pantages, but the latter concern has not rushed things to a great extent. The Palace will be of a strictly moving picture policy. All features that are attendant on simi-lar Loew houses in the East will be in evidence. Its seating capacity will

run about 2,800.
Loew himself will come to the opening. Plans for the visit of movie stars, if they are in view, will no oming shortly Spending Million.

The expenditure entailed in construction of these two theaters runs right around the \$1,000,000 mark. Both will be the last word in thea-

announcement that such was the intention nothing has developed. Memphis probably has a plethora of variety theaters now.

The Orpheum the past summer adhered to the customary summer policy of bringing in Junior stuff together with interstate acts. There was no letup at the South Main stress theater, for the regular season openeded early in the fill directly on the close of the final three-a-day show.

The Lyric continues to be the legit home. And, to believe old theatrical men, the best shows of years have comestals way. For instance, "Irene," Then there is the engagement of "Buddles" and the coming of that stupendous New York works.

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inst summer showed that each week
more than 100,000 paid admissives
went to local motion picture palaves,
while film that would stretch from
Memphis to the Kentuck; line and
back was recled off every forting.
As for the outdoor show world 1220
brought many attractions to Memphis. The great Sanger shows, owned locally, started and concluded the
summer's tour on Memphis lots
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wintered. Floyd and Howard King are the outwins of this circus, which again is
wintering here. As usual the Bing
lines played to capacity twice here
while Haganhack-Wallace and A' G
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MASTLA Dec 21 -- Arraignment of T constability soldiers on charges of but der in conection with the riot be- 15, which resulted in 11 des) that her perspend intelligible upon request of the delease

Curzon Sends Note Telling Of Trouble Past And Present CONDON, Der 31 -In a New Year's

usuage to the Printrose league of high he is the grand master. Earl irson, of Kedlenton, secretary for wign affairs, declares that the past at his been one of trouble and un-t at home and alwood, and expresses belief that it will be a long time ore "we find ourselves sailing again quies seas". quiet seas. In the coming winter we likely will faced by serious growing unemployent, the result of economic factors, on which there is no swift or easy age, the message continues. No e can regard either the message continues or the future outlook without axiety and no government that is lied upon to deal with it should hope do so by waving an enchanter's and.

Big Membership Drive Placed It at Head in South and Made It One of Six Largest in Country.

BY J. A. OSINIACH. Many records have been broken by e Memphis Chamber of Commerce 1920. For one thing, it has be-ne, during the year, the largest imercial organization in the commercial organization in the South and one of the half dozen largest in the United States. By the big campaign in June when 1809 members were swept into the organization in five days, it took the

ganization in five days, it took the lead in the South.

Perhaps the most important ichievement of the organization was scored by the industrial division, which has been even more effective han it was in 1918. With Frank in it was in 1918, with Frank in the first company, as chair-rian, Mark Fenton as industrial commissioner, and an able persontel, the division has functioned advirably. There are on record 142

right around the \$1,000,000 mark. Both wff be the last word in theaters. "Pan" will pursue a policy of three-a-day variety. His acts are well known as above the ordinary small-time vaude offerings, and for some years have been favorites with showgoers on the coast.

Of course, the chief show event locally during 1920 was the opening of Loew's State. This came in early October. Memphis found the State oversthing that had been promised. It rightfully can be termed one of the best, if not the best, houses in the South. Certainly, with its capacity of \$100, the State is the largest this side of the Mason and Dixon line. Quite a satisfactory, and surprising fin a way, feature since the opening finas been the capacity crowds.

The year marked the passing of the Loceum to the sections of the legitimate lovers here. In 1917 Loew came to Memphis. He remodeled the Lyceum and soon addences were viewing three-aday from what had been termed the State came along the Lyceum between the state of the division has functioned advantably. There are on record 142 to immissioner, and an ability to entitle the division has functioned advantably. There are on record 142 to windustries for 1920 has been the fact that the state of defiation, readjustment and comparative quiet in industrial croles as compared with the prevalence as

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of unusually brisk competition, has sent to Memphis stars of the big time. Manager Bertram and Press. Agent Vanueh Taylor have booked what can be termed the best vaude-ville bills ever seen locally.

For the present plans for construction of a junior tripheum house it. Memphis seem to have lapsed. Martin Beck has made one or two trips to Memphis in connection with this ang other things, but beyond an early amount members that such was the calling; in conjunction with the fotton Exchange and the Clearing House association, of the Southwide cotton conference in Memphis while resulted in the formation of a permanent organization and in a powerful movement looking to the reduction of cotton acreage next year and filling the gap with an amount of feed and feed crops humaiance of feed and feed crops in the feet of th

Then there is the engagement of "Buddies" and the coming of that stupersous New York success, "Lightnin" as well as many more. Walker Whiteside and Lou Tellegen lent real class to the early season. The climax of the musical season was reached when the Createre Grand Opera company came in Teccember. Innumerable other scintiliants of the musical world have paid visits for are expected shortly. Kreisler is acheduled shortly.

Unusual success has attended the Memphis Enterprise. Inc., houses showing well that Memphis likes he "movies"—a word, by the way, against which George Brown and Manager C. A McElravy are instituted in the South. Convention ever held in the South. Convention ever held in the South. The traffic and transpartation division has specialized on river transportation as specialized on river transportation distributed on river transportation as specialized on river transportation as specializ

ernoon sacred concerts during the

The Chamber of Commerce also been active in such civic enter prises as the hospital campaigns an prises as the hospital the South the campaign to bring the South western. Presbyterian university to Memphis, is which it hook the lead unit which resulted in a magnificent demonstration of civic spirit and

in inity patriotism

officials this year are Robert
fills president J M Walker,
yes-president H R Chears,
and vice president and M G.
by treasurer The executive

Strike Against High Cost of Living Compels Decline in Commodities--Rails and Industrials Hard Hit.

(By International News Service.) (By International News Service.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The stock
narket passed through an eventful
period—through a period of readustment following the war during
which values were driven up to dizzy
peights far beyond their true levels. ist as sharp as had been the advance irlier in the year, just so sharp were be declines which followed when ocks were driven down to their ne levels. In fact, so precipitate d the decline become that toward e latter part of the year—in No-mber—many issues were forced wn far below their intrinsic

values.

The advance in prices can easily be traced to the natural effect of war conditions. Salaries were high, money was pientiful. Speculation was rampant. Everybody seemed imbued with the fever to invest money into something that would be the property of the property. The bring immediate and hig returns. The people had to have some outlet for their excess funds and the stock market furnished the medium. An market furnished the medium. An era of luxury buying set in. Everything shot up to unheard of prices. Gambling and speculating in foodstuffs and other necessities began, with the public being forced to foot the bill. Such inflated conditions, however, could not tong exist. The ountry had to get back on a peace sasis. The public went on a silent strike" against the high cost of lying. It was not an organized of-"strike" fort, but simply an expression of protest against the exhorbitant prices. The felleral reserve banks came to the relief of the public by increasing its discount rates. This materially checked the wild speculation and tended to throw on the market much of the necessities that had been hoarded.

High Prices Drop. The outpouring of the hoarded goods, as well as a falling off in the demand of the public, quickly compelled a reduction in prices. The strike of the public caused a slump in the business world. Industrial plants by the score began reducing heir production, cutting down their number of employes and violently of employes and violently wages. This was particulamber of employees slashing wages. This was particularly true in the textile, automobile, tire, independent steel and copper industries. Concerns were caught loaded up with compedities at the high levels and as a result annual inven-tories were effected at enormous losses. Extra financing was needed by many and a number of corporato secure accommodation. Money was at a premium with banks demanding the most gilt-edged security. There was a heavy enlargement in bankrupteles and approximately concerns with liabilities.

concerns with estimated at over three hundred mil-lion dollars, are estimated to have gone to the wall during 1920. Scores of corporations were forced to either cut or entirely suspend their divi-Naturally this period of transition

in the industrial world was reflected on the stock market in a sharp downward movement in values from the heights to which they had been driven by the public's fevered imag-ination. Industrial issues led the

iolent declines. The railroad stocks were helped in the early part of the year by the increased freight and passenger rates granted by the government and by the passage of the Cummins-Esch bill prohibiting strikes of the rail-road workers. Talk of segregation by many railroads of their oil, coal

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1	American Locomotive	100%	7
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ı	American Tobacco	283	10
l	American Woolen	165	6
	Angeonda	6614	3
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	Bethlehem Steel "B"	10214	5
	Bethlehem Steel B"	104%	- 3
ı	Chandler Motors	164%	6
	Chicago, Mit & St. Paul	44.%	2
	Cluett Peabody	106	4
	Columbia Graphaphone	6514	- 1
	Corn Products	105%	- 6
	Crueble Steel	2781	7
	Cuba Cane Sugar	59%	- 1
	Endicott Johnson	147	- 5
	Famous Players	95	4
	General Electric	182	13
	General Motors	42	-1
	Goodsich	85%	. 3
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	International Paper	91%	- 4
	Mexican Petroleum	222	14
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	Pierce Arrow	82%	- 1
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	United States Food Prod.	78%	3
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(Continued from first page) and as credit becomes available and building costs recede with other commodities, there should be a conatruction campuies that will take up the slack in the labor market in virtually all lines." Liquidation of credit for the New

sedition charges by Jan 3, the remaining charges by Jan 3, the remaining all locating pleaded guilty. The first of least is between the same of least is between the farm seven for the first least seventary. And the leavest of the farm seven for lipitors.

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Mrs. Evelyn Waild, Montague, wife of Raymond Montague, machinist for the First national Bank, of Chicago, and the present time of Raymond Montague, machinist for the first national Bank, of Chicago, and the present time of the farm severts deviced ment committed the present time. The world has received a severe bean Bl for three months, but was thought to be recovering until pneumonal developed. Fineral arrangements were to have been made some time friday. Melowell & Montague is surfaced to have been made some time friday. Melowell & Montague is surfaced by her husband, Raymond Montague is survived by her husband, Raymond Montague, and the country has a survived by her husband, Raymond Montague, and the country husband, Raymond Montague, and the country husband, Raymond Montague, and the country and the world if they country and the world if they country and the

'Hip Pocket' Moves To Be Watched By Chicago Boy Agents

(By International News Service.) CRICAGO, Dec. 31.—Bettled hilar

Newspapers Aided in Campaign for Better Farming. Farmers Have More Corn, Meat and Hay Than Before.

BY C. W. WATSON. The farm bureau is closing per-aps one of the greatest year's work furing the history of the organizapapers, the state and government orces for the assistance given in uch a substantial way.

The bureau members are kept busy attending farm meetings as well as

organizing farm bureaus and cham-bers of commerce in the Memphis trade territory. About one-half of our time is taken up assisting far-mers and commercial organizations. During 1920 the bureau has mailed out to a selected list of farmers, pers' associations, 120,000 bulletins advertising \$1,500,000 worth of farm products for sale and the majority of these products have been disposed of through these advertisements.

The farmers' wholesale and retail markets have had our special atmarkets have had our special at-tention and Memphis has had a real urb market for home-produced vegetables and several hundred cotton farmers are now turning their at-tention to growing vegetables for our Memphis markets.

Egg circles are now organized in West Tennessee, Mississippi and Arconsas and are shipping by parcel post and express to Memphis sumers and commission houses heretofore had no market or else hipped to Northern markets. Cotton warehouses have been built care for a great deal of cotton

this year and the bureau representang this enterprise.

The bureau now is permanent headquarters for the Southern Cattlemen's association, and Dr. E. R. Lloyd is secretary, which will help Memphis in the live stock situation. The following campaigns during his year has had our attention: Live stock campaign.

Sweet potato storage houses. Farmers' wholesale and retail curb narkets Organization of 19 farm bureaus.

Pure-bred sires.
Organization of dairy association.
Organization of chambers of com-Personal visits to farms and plan-

ations. The entire bureau has spent some ime appearing before county courts n behalf of county agent work. On the 1st and 15th of each month 1,000 blotters are issued and sent out making definite recommendations on some specific subject. These blotters have been in such demand that we are 1 and to increase the num-ber to take care of additional calls. Conferences on the present situa-tion have been held by the bureau during the last 60 days with the railway agricultural men, the Arkansas, Mississippi and extension forces, the cotton associations, and we are now planning for the largest campaign since 1914 to enter 100 counties in the Memphis territory with 100 of the most promi-nent men in Memphis, who have of-fered their assistance to the bureau

putting the campaign on in Januwe have more corn in this territory than in 1919 as well as hay and meat, and with the exception of the delta section the farmers are very well fixed for feed.

The cotton situation seems to have

been the only drawback; prices go-ing to pieces has made it hard to prevent demoralization of all forces and to this end the bureau has been working to prevent any unnecessary The farm bureau is making a de-tailed report which will be printed for distribution for the year's work

GRATEFUL: GIVES COIN.

(By International News Service.)
ATLANTA, Ga., Dec 31—In gratitude
for kindness when he was an inmate.
J. Cooper Harris, deceased, left the
Boys orphanage at Bethesda in Chalham county, \$10.000 by his will, just
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All distressing symptoms rapidly disappear. Liver and kidneys act better general improvement is realized. I send by mall a rial treatment absolutely FREE. Try it. Never heard of anything its equal for dropsy.

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(Continued from first page.) all of duty and opportunity, service and profit, which the situation offer there will follow constantly expand ing powers of service which should mark the goal of every progressive

Depression World-Wide. "The first thing to understand about this depression," said George E Roberts, vice-president of the Na-

tional City bank, "is that it is no confined to the United States or to the products of this country. It is world-wide and is an effect of dis-ruption of industry and trade by the war. We have a country of wonder ful resources and are in a better po-sition to stand it than most othe

"Other people can not buy of us until they are producing goods they can trade to us. And just as the world is interdependent in trade, so are we at home interdependent in our various occupations. The farmer has been hard hit by the decline in prices of his products and his loss of purchasing power affects all the industries. The department of agriculture etimated the value of our farm products for 1919 at nearly \$25,000,000,000—about a third of all the wealth that was produced in this country that year. The value of 1926 farm products probably was less by one-fourth or one-third

Must Stabilize.

Must Stabilize. "Industry, like world trade, not prosper unless it is in balance. The various classes of producers must receive compensation upon ap-proximately a stable and uniform proximately a stable and uniform basis, for there can not be a free circulation and exchange of products. If farm products are to stay down, prices and wages in the other industries will have to come down also, or there will be a great amount of unemployment. The industries can not run full time unless the goods can be sold. Therefore employers, wage earners and merchants should wage earners and merchants should strive to reduce the prices of other goods to correspond with the fall in farm products. If all wages and prices come down together nobody will be worse off. This is the secret of getting industry started again.

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The business year, 1921, can be faced with confidence, according to L. G. Kauffman, president of the Chatham and Phoenix National bank, which has \$86,000,000 accounts of firms doing business three thout the country because American firms have had the foresight to deflate. have had the foresight to deflate. Coming Back.

"Manufacturers, wholesalers jobbers are past the peak of liquida-tion," he said. "Their speed in get-ting back to a prewar basis has been amazing. But I am not so sure all the retailers have been so prompt to give the buying public the advantages of manufacturers' and wholesalers' cuts."

Mr. Kauffman said he believed JOIN THE CROWDS! New Year's Eve At

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BEST FLOUR—LESS MONEY Obelisk Flour, 24 lbs., \$1.65 Omega Flour, 24 lbs., \$1.77 Optimo, 24 Ibs., \$1.65

Wish You a Happy New Year

IDLEWILD GROCERY

that before 1921 is half gone, the whole country would witness a revival of business along normal lines. James S. Alexander, president of the National Bank of Commerce, believes that with credit revolving flater and frozen credits being thawed out, there is no reason to be gloomy about 1921. The past year's difficulties, he attributed to the volume of nonself liquidating government paper held by banks, the national transportation break down, which tied up goods; the speculation in commodities and the buyers strike. All lines have not become liquidated, he stated, because consumer buying has been slow, and until this becomes more active, production will be subnormal. All of these conditions which hampered 1920 business may be expected to disappear during 1921, Mr. Alexander said.

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POSTPONE CONFERENCE. PARIS, Dec. 31.—The proposed meeting of the French, British and Italian prime ministers at Nice or Cannes will not be held, it was announced, but it was said that an early meeting of the premiers would be brought about.



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OUR NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE TO YOU

This Store Wishes You a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year

We wish to thank you for your good-will and patronage during the year just closed and go on record in the year 1921 with this message of ACTION:

-to serve you better than ever before;

-to offer you, at all times, the best merchandise obtainable at the lowest possible prices;

-to make this, more than ever, YOUR store, one you will be proud to bring your patronage to; and, in all ways, to work for the betterment of business service in this community to the advantage of the buying public.

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A Plain Statement

Do you want better telephone service, or are you satisfied with the present telephone service?

If you have not a telephone, do you want the City of Memphis to help you obtain one?

The City has filed a petition before the Utilities Commission at Nashville seeking to obtain better telephone service for the citizens of Memphis and to obtain facilities for those who have been unable to get telephones installed. The City has, employed a telephone engineer and is defraying all of the expenses of this proceeding. But in order for the City to be successful, the users of telephones must furnish information as to the character of service, and those who have been unable to obtain any telephone service must make the fact known.

Blanks are available at my office for this purpose and will be furnished upon request without charge. If you have no telephone and want one, or if you want to help us obtain better telephone service for the city, get one of these blanks and fill it out. Although these blanks have been on hand for several weeks, very few citizens have obtained them, and we have been unable to obtain much information as to the character of the service. It will undoubtedly be argued by the telephone company that the failure of any large number of citizens to furnish this information means that they are satisfied with the present telephone service. Are you satisfied, or do you want better service? It's up to you.

HORACE JOHNSON

Commissioner Public Utilities, Grounds and Buildings Room No. 6, Courthouse *